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In re application of: Paul A. Griffin

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Examiner: Samir Anwar Ahmed

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF
TRANSITIVE MATCHING FOR OBJECT
RECOGNITION, IN PARTICULAR FOR
BIOMETRIC SEARCHES

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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed November 9, 2004.

In the Advisory Action, the examiner said that a new limitation was added to claim 1. Claim 1 was amended to recite that the plurality of basis sample elements reside "in a basis database." This is not a new limitation. Rather, it is a clarification of what is implicit in claim 1. That is, the basis sample elements are in a basis database.

Claims 20, 22 and 24 were amended to eliminate the rejection of claims 20, 22, 24, and 26-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 27 and 28 were also amended to depend from allowed independent claim 7. Claims 24 and 26 are also dependent upon allowed independent claim 7.